Destination Entry Discounts (DBMC/DADC/DSCF/DDU) Periodicals and Standard Mail

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Quick Service
Guide

Overview

Periodicals and Standard Mail mailings may be eligible for one of four destination entry discounts: destination bulk mail center (DBMC) (Standard Mail only), destination area distribution center (DADC) (Periodicals only), destination sectional center facility (DSCF), or destination delivery unit (DDU). Only one destination discount is permitted per piece. For destination entry, see E250 for Periodicals or E650 for Standard Mail.

Rates and Fees (R200, R600)

Discount varies by destination and class of mail, subject to payment of applicable mailing fees.

Eligibility (E250, E650)

All mail must meet the eligibility, volume, and preparation standards for the class of mail and rate claimed. Specific destination entry rate standards include:

Periodicals

- DADC rate applies to addressed pieces (not eligible for In-County rates) addressed for delivery in the same DADC service area, deposited at the DADC or designated facility.
- DSCF rate applies to pieces (not eligible for In-County rates) addressed for delivery in the same SCF service area, deposited at the DSCF or a designated facility (L006), and are placed in any container level.
- DDU rate applies only to copies of publications entered at the facility where the carrier cases mail for the carrier route (city carrier route, rural route, highway contract route, general delivery unit, or post office box section) serving the address on the mailpiece. Pieces for which a DDU discount is claimed must also be eligible for and claimed at a Carrier Route rate.

Standard Mail:

Minimum volume: 200 or more addressed pieces (or 50 pounds) per mailing. Regular and Nonprofit Standard Mail meeting the basic standards in E610 may qualify for DBMC, DSCF, or DDU discounts.

- DBMC rate applies to mail deposited at the correct DBMC (or destination auxiliary service facility (ASF)) addressed for delivery within that facility's service area and prepared subject to the standards for the rate claimed.
- DSCF rate applies to mail deposited at the correct DSCF. The mail must be addressed for delivery within that facility's service area and placed in other than an ADC, AADC, BMC, mixed ADC, or residual tray, sack, or pallet (as permitted by the rate claimed) that is correctly labeled to that DSCF or postal facility within its service area.
- DDU rate applies to carrier route mail that is entered at the facility (post office, station, branch, etc.) where the carrier cases mail for the carrier route (city route, rural route, highway contract route, general delivery unit, or post office box section) serving the address on the mailpiece. Pieces for which a DDU discount is claimed must also be eligible for and claimed at one of the Enhanced Carrier Route rates or Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route rates. Automation rate Enhanced Carrier Route mail must be deposited at the facility identified by the district drop shipment coordinator.

Addressing (A010)

Each piece must meet the applicable standards for class and rate claimed.

Characteristics and Contents (C200, C600)

All mail must meet the applicable standards for class and rate claimed.

Deposit (D200, D600)

Deposit: generally at DBMC, DADC, DSCF, or DDU.

May be prepared as plant-verified drop shipment (PVDS) (P950). Subject to standards applicable to postage payment method used.

Mail Preparation and Sortation (M200, M600)

Markings, presort and labeling, and postage statements are subject to the standards applicable to the class of mail and rate claimed.

Supplemental documentation: additional documentation as required by rate, destination discount, preparation option, or postage payment system.



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Postage and Payment Methods (P200, P600) Precanceled stamp (P023), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040): subject to applicable conditions and restrictions. Standard Mail must be verified where the permit or license is held unless otherwise authorized by the USPS. Payment for Periodicals must be by advance deposit account at the original or additional entry post office, except under P200.3 for Centralized Postage Payment (CPP) or P950 for PVDS.

Special Services (S900)

No special services are available for Standard Mail except for pieces that have paid the residual shape surcharge. These pieces may add bulk insurance, return receipt for merchandise, and electronic option for Delivery Confirmation. Machinable parcels using Bulk Parcel Return Service and matter using detached address labels (A060) are not eligible for any special service.

This guide is an overview only. For the specific DMM standards applicable to this category of mail, consult the DMM sections referenced above and the general sections within each DMM module.

